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VEHICLE HAVING AN ADJUSTABLE  
WHEEL BASE  
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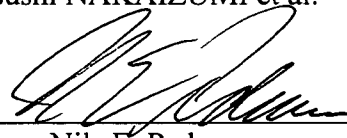
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  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:  
US 6,062,600 corresponds to JP 2000-514680  
US 6,374,934 corresponds to JP 2001-511395
5. ☒ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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